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To Chairman Michael Powell,

We are writing to you as concerned American consumers and business owners who are fearful that you and our elected leaders may fall prey to a 'smoke screen and mirrors ploy'.

Chairman Powell, you've announced that the Federal Communications Commission will hold a special hearing Oct. 7 to discuss the state of the telecommunications sector and steps to restore its financial health. Chairman Powell, you've said the hearing would bring together experts from the financial community and academic economists. Mr. Powell, you've also said the hearing would discuss "what measures need to be taken to revitalize and restore the financial health of the telecommunications industry, restore public trust and prevent further erosion from the current financial turmoil in this sector." Please Mr. Powell, do not bow to pressure from the Baby Bells

We agree the Telecom industry is in a mess but bailing them out by setting the clock back 20 years is not the way to do it. **The mess has been created by economic recession, inferior management decisions and creative accounting mixed in with a good dose of corporate scandal....NOT by deregulation.** Since deregulation AT&T's long distance rates have fallen from 35 cents a minute to around 5 cents a minute greatly benefiting both businesses and the general public.

Competition in the telecom industry has benefited greatly by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. But this competition is being threatened by requests being made to the FCC by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) such as Qwest, Southwestern Bell and other regional Bells which, if allowed, would essentially bypass the mandates of the Telecom Act of 1996. Provisions of this Act require that the various ILECs unbundle their networks as a prerequisite to being allowed back in the long distance markets.

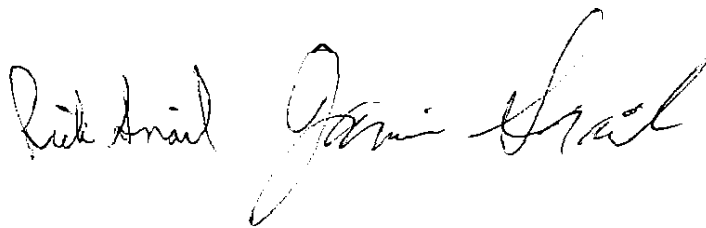
We commend the deregulation outlined in the 1984 and 1996 Telecom Acts and believe it protects the interest of people like us...the consumer. Don't allow us, the consumers, to be punished by allowing the Baby Bell's to apply pressure on the FCC to rescind, revoke or amend this Act.

We, as American consumers, want the choice to PICK WHO WE SPEND OUR HARD EARNED MONEY WITH.....it is called 'free market'! Competition has always been good for the people of this great nation!

As Independent Representatives of Excel/Variety Communications, we are on the firing line trying to give the consumer better services at better prices through competition for Local and Long Distance phone services and our business would be irreparably harmed by any rollback of the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Thank you,

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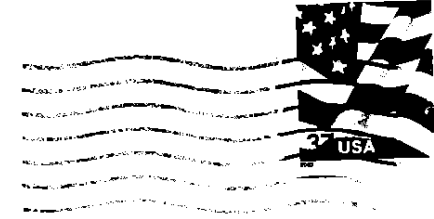
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September 26, 2002

Chairman Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman.

I am writing to express my concerns as an American consumer and the disaster in the telecommunications industry. Now is the time to take action instead of turning a deaf ear. The three critical areas that need to be addressed are as follows, the future viability of telecommunications infrastructure and networks, the continued deceitful harassment of consumers by so called Resellers of local telephone services, and the unrealistic and outmoded regulations that results in a disservice to all local phone users.

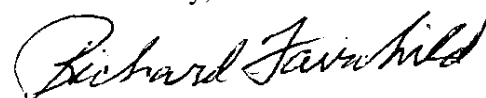
This is the situation that first needs to be addressed. Regulators have allowed competitors, in the local network, to lease access lines from local phone companies at prices substantially below cost. It may look like competition from afar, but actually it is a scheme that could end up discouraging investment in the nation's telecommunications infrastructure. ***Competitors have no need to invest in facilities they don't own and which they can lease at rent-controlled rates.*** By forcing heavily discounted pricing of the so-called UNE-P, (unbundled network element platform) is forcing established companies to sell parts of their networks to other companies at prices well below cost and therefore creating a disincentive for more companies to invest in viable networks and build sustainable businesses.

Secondly, consumers will suffer and can not benefit from these heavy discounts, because they drain the resources that established companies such as SBC need to maintain high-quality, low-cost universal service. As an American consumer I am tired of the constant harassment by Resellers of local telephone services. The simple fact, that they never tell the whole truth about their services, and who will be the truly responsible company to service my telephone when needed.

The current regulatory structure that was created as a result of the 1996 Federal telecommunications law has not kept pace with the tremendous amount of change in the industry. Consumers now have wide-ranging choices for local service, including wireless and cable television. Mandating the repackaging and resale of network services through deep discounts that are simply pocketed by competitors not only doesn't benefit consumers, but undermines the viability of the entire network. I truly feel that everyone would benefit if government simply allowed the market to work. Regulators need to understand how decisions they make can either help lift the entire telecommunications industry...or unnecessarily keep it down.

I look forward to your thoughts and expect to hear from you soon. I am also counting on your immediate action on this **matter**.

Sincerely,

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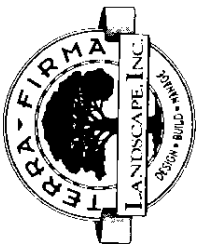
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Dear Mr. Mike Powell, 10-1-02

A Free, Diverse and vigorous press is a necessary bedrock foundation for a functioning democracy - that is what OUR Founding Fathers of this Great Nation believed.

We should be sure of not having a monopolized source of information our citizens are exposed to. Please support and try and strengthen current limits on media ownership consolidation.

No news (monopolized news) is good News - maybe in this case.

We might be better off with the generic radio stations making their way across our country. This is a time in our lives when we must stand up and be heard. Please hear us. Everyone I know believes in better diverse news - protect us from these money grabbing companies - it's not all about money - freedom of knowledge.

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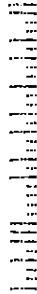
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Dear Chairman Powell:

Sept. 30, 2002

I am writing to you as a concerned American consumer who is fearful that you will fall prey to a smoke screen and mirrors play! I STRONGLY BELIEVE + Agree in the 1966 Telecom Act.

I think it was the best thing that was done to protect the consumer in a very long time. What has happened in the Telecommunications industry was done for GREED of pocketbook Consumers did not do this OWNERS CEO's and stockholders Don't Phoney me, the consumer, by allowing the Baby Bells and their likes in leading you to believe that they are losing money because of open competition. It is because of greed!

I, as an American consumer want the choice to PICK WHO I SPEND MY HARD EARNED MONEY WITH! Our Founding Fathers died in giving us our liberal freedom of choice. Don't turn our country and time back 100 years. I sincerely hope that you do the right thing and leave the choice up to the consumer with the companies capable of competition. It is called 'FREE MARKET'!

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Thank you!

Respectfully,
Maury Miller